to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of State Government of Manipur have not been paid their salaries for two/three months;

(b) if so, the measures taken up for payment of salaries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the restriction of making result of interview out for appointment because of financial position is out now; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As reported by the Government of Manipur, the salaries for the month of July, 2001 have not been paid to their employees.

(b) The financial Management of State including payment of salaries to its employees is primarily the responsibility of State Government. However, as indicated by the State Government, the Legislative Assembly of Manipur had authorised expenditure for four months only which lapsed on 31st July, 2001. Government of Manipur is awaiting passing of Vote on Account by the Parliament.

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Government, the ban still exists for direct recruitment except in a few cases where the Hon'ble Courts have directed declaration of result.

Debts and Interests on North-Eastern States

3943. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of debts and interest on the special loan due on North East States, State-wise;

(b) the recommendations which were made by IXth Finance Commission regarding the moratorium on the payments of these loans and interest thereto; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard and if not, the reasons for neglecting the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) No special loans were given to North Eastern

States.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Discontinuation of JRO at Burj (Punjab)

3944. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstared Question 1080 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 2001 and state :

(a) on which date JROs scheme was discontinued;

(b) the details of the formalities remaining to be completed on the said date for developing JRO at Burj (Abohar) in Ferozpur District, Punjab;

(c) the details of the said formalities which were to be completed by the landlord and the BPCL, separately; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the formalities by BPCL, if any, in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROUEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) The Scheme for setting up of Jubilee Retail Outlets was discontinued by the Government w.e.f. 24-11-2000.

(b) The details of the major formalities remaining to be completed for developing the Jubilee Retail Outlet at Burj (Abohar) in Ferozpur Distt., Punjab by the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) are as follow :

(i) Approval from the appropriate nominated committee for purchase of site.

(ii) Financial approval for the purchase of the site.

(iii) Registration of land.

(iv) Approval from Explosives Department.